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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 49: Information and communication technologies for development (*continued*) (A/60/323)

1. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Committee wished to take note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295" (A/60/323).

2. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 56: Eradication of poverty and other development issues (*continued*)

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/C.2/60/L.41)

(b) Women in development (A/C.2/60/L.43)

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Draft resolution on implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

3. **Mr. Blake** (Jamaica), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.41, which had been updated to take into account the latest developments relating to the Millennium Development Goals and reaffirmed the Organization's commitment to eradicate extreme poverty and to halve, by 2015, the proportion of the world's people whose income was less than $1 a day and the proportion of people who suffered from hunger. It also requested the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in order to identify lessons learned and ways to promote the mobilization of all stakeholders in the fight against poverty. Noting that the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) was nearly over, he stressed the need to bear in mind the 2015 deadline.

Draft resolution on women in development

4. **Mr. Blake** (Jamaica), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.43, which highlighted the important role women could play in development. It took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "World survey on the role of women in development: women and international migration" (A/59/287/Add.1), reiterated the request to the Secretary-General to update the world survey on the role of women in development for consideration at the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly and decided that the theme for the next survey should be "Access of women to finance including through microfinance". It also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution in two years' time, at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly.

Draft resolution on human resources development

5. **Mr. Blake** (Jamaica), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.40, which took note of the report of the Secretary-General on human resources development (A/60/318) and underscored the importance of human resources development in promoting sustainable development.

Agenda item 58: Training and research (*continued*)

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/60/L.39)

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy (A/C.2/60/L.42)

Draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

6. **Mr. Blake** (Jamaica), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.39, which highlighted the need to provide the Institute with adequate resources, an issue he hoped would be dealt with decisively at the current session. He drew attention to paragraph 10, which requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and decided to consider the issue of the periodicity of the agenda item entitled "Training and research" at the sixty-second session.

Draft resolution on the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

7. **Ms. Brazier** (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Union, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.42, which highlighted the important contribution the College made to training and continuous learning for the staff of the United Nations system. The draft resolution also accepted the recommendation of the Chief Executive Board for Coordination (CEB) according to which the biennial reports on the activities of the College should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council rather than to the General Assembly. She expressed the hope that agreement could likewise be reached on a coordinated approach to reporting for all sub-items under the training and research agenda item.

Agenda item 59: Towards global partnerships (*continued*) (A/C.2/60/L.38)

Draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships"

8. **Ms. Walpole** (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Union, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.38, which focused on the promotion of public and private partnerships across the United Nations system. The United Nations had a particular role to play in promoting partnerships for sustainable development and the eradication of poverty, and she stressed that the Millennium Development Goals could only be achieved if all stakeholders, Governments, the public sector, business, non-governmental organizations and civil society, were active participants.

9. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Committee) announced that Afghanistan and El Salvador had become sponsors of the draft resolution.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.